



The Grange Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

www.thegrangeprimary.com

No. 15 Autumn Term 2024

Friday 20th December 2024

Christmas Events

The last two weeks have seen some truly wonderful Christmas performances and productions. My grateful thanks to children and staff who have worked so hard to ensure that audiences in school, St. Oswald's Church and the L30 Community Centre have been so richly entertained and filled with the Christmas spirit.

Santa Dash

We have already raised hundreds of pounds for the school from last Friday's Santa Dash. Please keep the sponsor money coming in next term.

Mrs. Julie Lincoln

Today is the last day at The Grange for Mrs. Julie Lincoln - one of our teachers in Class Seven. Julie has worked at our school for over 20 years. I know you will join me in wishing her well as her career develops in a new direction.

We also dis farewell to one of our Teaching Assistants - Miss Lara Pemberton. We wish her every success in her new job.

Clubs next term

Full details of next term's clubs will be shared in the first week of next term. Clubs will start in the week commencing Monday 20th January.

Celebrating Good Attendance

32 children were presented with a £10 prize in this morning's assembly. These are the children who have not missed a single day of school throughout the entire term and have not been late once! Congratulations to you all.

You can't teach an empty chair!

What's going on over Christmas?

Please see details on the website of Christmas Sports Camps in December and January at Linacre Primary School where children who are entitled to free school meals can claim a free place.

Details of fully funded places (for children entitled to free school meals) at school camps at Goals in December and January can also be found on the website.

Mental Health Support Team - Parent/Carer Workshops

The following workshop for parents and carers will be taking place in the staffroom, places can be booked at the school office: Screen Time - Tuesday 3rd March 2025 at 2.15 p.m.

Online Safety Newsletter

Accompanying this newsletter, you will find some guidance from the Lydiat Learning Trust on how to keep your child safe online - I hope you will find this useful.

Do you have a child born between 01.09.2020 and 31.08.2021?

Applying for a Reception Class place in 2024

Application for Reception Class places must be submitted by 15th January 2025. Please visit

www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool

Information is also available on posters around the school and from the school office.

Please remember, if your child attends The Grange Nursery and you would like him/her to attend our Reception Class next year you must apply. A Nursery place does not guarantee a Reception place.

Dates for your diary - Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 th January 2025	Spring term starts
Thursday 13 th February	Half Term starts
Friday 14 th February	Staff Training Day
Monday 24 th February	Term re-starts
Wednesday 5 th March	Parents' Open Afternoon
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 25 th March	Book Fair
Friday 4 th April	Term ends at 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 22 nd April	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 23 rd April	Summer term starts
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 12 th May	Year Six SATs Week
Friday 23 rd May	Half term starts
Monday 2 nd June	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd June	Term re-starts
Friday 18 th July	Term ends at 1.30 p.m.

On behalf of the children, staff and governors at The Grange Primary School, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas break and every good wish for the new year.

Next term begins on Monday 6th January 2025

Daniel Hains

Headteacher



Online Safety Newsletter

Dec 2024

Talkie AI App

This app is rated as 17+ by the App store and 12+ by Google Play.

Talkie is an AI chatbot app. Users can use the app to create and interact with AI characters.

You should also be aware that this app includes in app purchases ranging from £4.99 - £49.99.

Talkie does offer a Teenager Mode; however, the content still may not be appropriate for your child. Bark reviews this app here, and recommend that your child should not be using this app:

<https://www.bark.us/app-reviews/apps/talkie-app-review>

Tips to help you talk about cyberbullying

Internet Matters have collated their tips to help you talk about cyberbullying with your child based on different age categories. The information is divided into four sections:

1. Before you start the conversation
2. Things to talk to them about such as how to deal with cyberbullying
3. What to do next
4. Where to get further help

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/cyberbullying-conversation-starter-guide>

New Technology

With Christmas nearly here and with some children receiving new technology or related games, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.

Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games.
- Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.
- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.
- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for some devices here:

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>



Tablets/Smart phones

Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the links below to find out more:

iPhones/iPad: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121>

Android Device: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>

Why is it important?

Parental controls are important to help provide a safer experience for your child by reducing/preventing access to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, communication with strangers and restricting purchases.

Further information

You can find out more about parental controls here:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parental-controls/>